

Court of Appeals
2020 Annual Report
Annual Caseload Report

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Court of Appeals Glossary

This glossary is included to assist in understanding the statistical tables.

Filings

Notice Of Appeal

- The filing of an appeal of a trial court final judgment that is reviewable as a matter of right. Notices of appeal must be filed within 30 days of the trial court judgment. Unless otherwise prohibited by statute or court rule, a party may appeal from only trial court decisions as specified in Rules of Appellate Procedure (RAP) 2.2. Notices of appeal are categorized into criminal and civil appeals.

Personal Restraint Petition

- The filing of a review to seek relief from limitations on a person's freedom due to current or imminent confinement, or other restrictions imposed by a criminal or civil trial court decision (RAP 16.4).

Discretionary Review

- The filing of a review of interlocutory orders of a trial court, made prior to a final determination of the case, concerning whether errors or substantial departure from accepted and usual courses of proceedings occurred in the case. Unless otherwise prohibited by statute or court rule, a party may seek discretionary review of any act of superior court not appealable as a matter of right (RAP 2.3).
Dispositions

The appellate court may reverse, affirm, or modify the decision being reviewed and take any other action as the merits of the case and the interest of justice may require (RAP 12.2). Each review is counted as being disposed as soon as a decision terminating review is filed with the appellate clerk.

Opinions

- The statement by the court of the decision reached in regard to a cause argued before it, expounding the law as applied to the case, and detailing the reasons upon which the judgment is based.

Opinions Published -

The published written opinion terminating the review.

Opinions Unpublished

- The unpublished written opinion terminating the review.

Commissioners' Rulings

- Rulings by commissioners which terminate review.

Motion On The Merits

- Termination of a review due to the granting of a motion on the merits (RAP 18.14).

Other Rulings

- Other rulings by commissioners, such as rulings on accelerated review of adult sentences or juvenile offender proceedings or granting a motion to dismiss--Anders (RAP 15.2(h)).

Dismissed

- An order issued by the court dismissing the review prior to the point where case merit is determined. The commissioner or clerk may dismiss a review for failure to comply with procedures. The court, on motion of a party, may dismiss a review for want of prosecution, if the review is frivolous, moot or solely for the purpose of delay, or for failure to comply with procedures (RAP 18.9).

Transferred/Certified

- The Supreme Court, to promote orderly administration of justice may, on its own initiative or on motion of a party, transfer a case from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court ("certified"). A case may be transferred from one division to another within the Court of Appeals (RAP 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, RCW 2.06.030).

Review Not Accepted

- Reviews may not be accepted if they do not meet the conditions governing the acceptance of review (RAP 2.2, 2.3, and 16.4).

Other Terminations

- An order issued by the court terminating the review before an opinion is rendered. An order to terminate a review would result if, for example, a petitioner decided to withdraw the review.

Pending Cases

Case Stayed

- Those cases temporarily arrested or removed from judicial processing by order of the court.

Brief Not Filed

- Those cases within the stages of perfection in which no briefs have yet been filed.

Appellant Brief Filed

- Those cases within the stages of perfection in which appellant's brief has been filed, but respondent's brief is still awaited.

Respondent Brief Filed

- Those cases within the stages of perfection in which both appellant's brief and respondent's brief have been filed, but case has yet to be set on the court calendar for review.

Remanded To Trial Court

- Those cases whose jurisdiction have been temporarily returned to the trial court of origination.

Set For Motion On The Merits

- Those cases which have progressed to the point at which all briefs were filed and served, and now qualify for setting. Because a

motion on the merits has been made, these cases have been set on the Motion On The Merits calendar (RAP 18.14).

Ruling Referred To Panel

- Cases which were initially assigned to a commissioner, who has ruled that they should be referred to a panel of judges for a decision.

Set For Oral Argument

- Those cases which have progressed to the point at which all briefs were filed and served and have been set for a review.

Opinion/Order In Process

- Those cases which have been reviewed by the court but have yet to receive a decision.

Mandated

A review is mandated by the clerk of the Court of Appeals when a written notification, when required, is sent to the trial court and all parties. The notification informs all parties of an appellate court decision terminating the review.

Time In Process Statistics --Notice Of Appeals

Filing

- The date the appeal is filed in the trial court.

Statement Of Arrangements

- The date of the first occurrence when the Statement Of Arrangements has either been "Received" or "Filed" in the appellate court.

Report Of Proceedings

- The date of the first occurrence when the Report Of Proceedings has either been "Filed" or "Received." The latter is recorded when the report is returned from the printer. Note: For statistical purposes "Received" is only employed when "Filed" is omitted.

Appellant's Brief

- The date of the last occurrence for the Appellant's Brief to either be "Filed" or "Received." The latter is recorded when the report is returned from the printer. Note: For statistical purposes "Received" is only employed when "Filed" is omitted.

Respondent's Brief

- The date of the last occurrence for the Respondent's Brief to either be "Filed" or "Received." The latter is recorded when the report is returned from the printer. Note: For statistical purposes "Received" is only employed when "Filed" is omitted.

Oral Argument

- The date of the first occurrence that the oral argument received a status of "Heard."

Opinion

- The date of the first occurrence of the opinion being filed.

Mandate

- A written notification by the clerk of the appellate court to the trial court and to the parties of an appellate court decision terminating review.

Note that the time-in-process tables have been changed in 1997 to reflect the 75th percentile rather than the median number of days between events. The change was made for consistency with national standards.

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	----- Appeals -----			----- Other Reviews -----			
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS							
Total Filings	539	940	1,479	851	457	1,308	2,787
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	78	121	199	9	13	22	221
Opinions Unpublished	741	530	1,271	86	28	114	1,385
Opinion Terminating Review	819	651	1,470	95	41	136	1,606
Dismissed	0	2	2	531	1	532	534
Transferred/Certified	64	44	108	23	6	29	137
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
Other Terminations	1	4	5	73	2	75	80
Order Terminating Review	65	50	115	629	9	638	753
Decided on Merits	7	32	39	1	19	20	59
Dismissed	73	325	398	110	125	235	633
Review Not Accepted	3	21	24	1	204	205	229
Other Terminations	5	11	16	5	14	19	35
Ruling Terminating Review	88	389	477	117	362	479	956
Total Resolved	972	1,090	2,062	841	412	1,253	3,315
PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							

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Cases Stayed	29	23	52	146	10	156	208
Brief Not Filed	455	605	1,060	260	102	362	1,422
Appellant Brief Filed	2	3	5	7	0	7	12
Respondent Brief Filed	310	289	599	112	33	145	744
Remanded to Trial Court	0	1	1	1	0	1	2
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	16	32	48	1	77	78	126
Ruling Referred to Panel	0	0	0	8	0	8	8
Set for Oral Argument (2)	133	128	261	9	17	26	287
Total Awaiting Hearing	945	1,081	2,026	544	239	783	2,809
Opinion/Order in Process	69	64	133	16	6	22	155
Total Pending Decision	1,014	1,145	2,159	560	245	805	2,964
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	785	693	1,478	108	68	176	1,654
Order Terminating Review	66	53	119	574	15	589	708
Ruling Terminating Review	102	449	551	104	350	454	1,005
Other Decision Terminating Review	10	7	17	14	12	26	43
Total Mandated	963	1,202	2,165	800	445	1,245	3,410

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS							
Total Filings	181	432	613	333	244	577	1,190
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	31	60	91	3	9	12	103
Opinions Unpublished	314	301	615	18	12	30	645
Opinion Terminating Review	345	361	706	21	21	42	748
Dismissed	0	0	0	193	0	193	193
Transferred/Certified	0	0	0	13	0	13	13
Other Terminations	0	2	2	37	2	39	41
Order Terminating Review	0	2	2	243	2	245	247
Decided on Merits	0	10	10	0	1	1	11
Dismissed	31	157	188	49	63	112	300
Review Not Accepted	2	15	17	1	105	106	123
Other Terminations	0	3	3	4	2	6	9
Ruling Terminating Review	33	185	218	54	171	225	443
Total Resolved	378	548	926	318	194	512	1,438
PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							
Cases Stayed	10	5	15	11	6	17	32

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Brief Not Filed	166	248	414	86	60	146	560
Appellant Brief Filed	0	1	1	1	0	1	2
Respondent Brief Filed	108	143	251	35	18	53	304
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	0	4	4	0	49	49	53
Ruling Referred to Panel	0	0	0	8	0	8	8
Set for Oral Argument (2)	34	68	102	5	11	16	118
Total Awaiting Hearing	318	469	787	146	144	290	1,077
Opinion/Order in Process	4	4	8				8
Total Pending Decision	322	473	795	146	144	290	1,085
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	321	376	697	26	37	63	760
Order Terminating Review	0	1	1	239	6	245	246
Ruling Terminating Review	37	215	252	48	169	217	469
Other Decision Terminating Review	3	2	5	0	3	3	8
Total Mandated	361	594	955	313	215	528	1,483

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS							
Total Filings	196	335	531	335	135	470	1,001
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	26	38	64	3	1	4	68
Opinions Unpublished	236	136	372	54	11	65	437
Opinion Terminating Review	262	174	436	57	12	69	505
Dismissed	0	2	2	197	1	198	200
Transferred/Certified	62	41	103	8	5	13	116
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
Other Terminations	1	1	2	35	0	35	37
Order Terminating Review	63	44	107	242	6	248	355
Decided on Merits	3	22	25	1	18	19	44
Dismissed	26	102	128	46	38	84	212
Review Not Accepted	0	1	1	0	64	64	65
Other Terminations	2	4	6	1	10	11	17
Ruling Terminating Review	31	129	160	48	130	178	338
Total Resolved	356	347	703	347	148	495	1,198
PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
Cases Stayed	11	10	21	119	2	121	142
Brief Not Filed	178	191	369	109	29	138	507
Appellant Brief Filed	0	1	1	4	0	4	5
Respondent Brief Filed	151	107	258	39	9	48	306
Remanded to Trial Court	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	1	4	5	0	15	15	20
Set for Oral Argument (2)	68	37	105	1	3	4	109
Total Awaiting Hearing	409	351	760	272	58	330	1,090
Opinion/Order in Process	36	34	70	8	6	14	84
Total Pending Decision	445	385	830	280	64	344	1,174
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	259	163	422	63	20	83	505
Order Terminating Review	65	43	108	194	8	202	310
Ruling Terminating Review	38	143	181	42	115	157	338
Other Decision Terminating Review	6	2	8	5	1	6	14
Total Mandated	368	351	719	304	144	448	1,167

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS							
Total Filings	162	173	335	183	78	261	596
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	21	23	44	3	3	6	50
Opinions Unpublished	191	93	284	14	5	19	303
Opinion Terminating Review	212	116	328	17	8	25	353
Dismissed	0	0	0	141	0	141	141
Transferred/Certified	2	3	5	2	1	3	8
Other Terminations	0	1	1	1	0	1	2
Order Terminating Review	2	4	6	144	1	145	151
Decided on Merits	4	0	4	0	0	0	4
Dismissed	16	66	82	15	24	39	121
Review Not Accepted	1	5	6	0	35	35	41
Other Terminations	3	4	7	0	2	2	9
Ruling Terminating Review	24	75	99	15	61	76	175
Total Resolved	238	195	433	176	70	246	679
PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							
Cases Stayed	8	8	16	16	2	18	34

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Brief Not Filed	111	166	277	65	13	78	355
Appellant Brief Filed	2	1	3	2	0	2	5
Respondent Brief Filed	51	39	90	38	6	44	134
Remanded to Trial Court	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	15	24	39	1	13	14	53
Set for Oral Argument (2)	31	23	54	3	3	6	60
Total Awaiting Hearing	218	261	479	126	37	163	642
Opinion/Order in Process	29	26	55	8		8	63
Total Pending Decision	247	287	534	134	37	171	705
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	205	154	359	19	11	30	389
Order Terminating Review	1	9	10	141	1	142	152
Ruling Terminating Review	27	91	118	14	66	80	198
Other Decision Terminating Review	1	3	4	9	8	17	21
Total Mandated	234	257	491	183	86	269	760

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History of Filings (1) - 2016 to 2020

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	2016	2017	% Chg	2018	% Chg	2019	% Chg	2020	% Chg
DIVISION I									
Criminal Appeals	390	357	-8.5 %	371	3.9 %	373	0.5 %	181	-51.5 %
Civil Appeals	633	634	0.2 %	606	-4.4 %	630	4 %	432	-31.4 %
Total Appeals	1,023	991	-3.1 %	977	-1.4 %	1,003	2.7 %	613	-38.9 %
Personal Restraint Petition	447	396	-11.4 %	380	-4 %	303	-20.3 %	333	9.9 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	210	193	-8.1 %	201	4.1 %	225	11.9 %	244	8.4 %
Total Filings, DIVISION I	1,680	1,580	-6 %	1,558	-1.4 %	1,531	-1.7 %	1,190	-22.3 %
DIVISION II									
Criminal Appeals	407	404	-0.7 %	408	1 %	396	-2.9 %	196	-50.5 %
Civil Appeals	402	449	11.7 %	406	-9.6 %	410	1 %	335	-18.3 %
Total Appeals	809	853	5.4 %	814	-4.6 %	806	-1 %	531	-34.1 %
Personal Restraint Petition	433	483	11.5 %	548	13.5 %	355	-35.2 %	335	-5.6 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	164	167	1.8 %	150	-10.2 %	171	14 %	135	-21.1 %
Total Filings, DIVISION II	1,406	1,503	6.9 %	1,512	0.6 %	1,332	-11.9 %	1,001	-24.8 %
DIVISION III									
Criminal Appeals	343	266	-22.4 %	256	-3.8 %	243	-5.1 %	162	-33.3 %
Civil Appeals	304	223	-26.6 %	265	18.8 %	235	-11.3 %	173	-26.4 %
Total Appeals	647	489	-24.4 %	521	6.5 %	478	-8.3 %	335	-29.9 %
Personal Restraint Petition	230	227	-1.3 %	192	-15.4 %	181	-5.7 %	183	1.1 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	106	73	-31.1 %	67	-8.2 %	88	31.3 %	78	-11.4 %

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Total Filings, DIVISION III	983	789	-19.7 %	780	-1.1 %	747	-4.2 %	596	-20.2 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Criminal Appeals	1,140	1,027	-9.9 %	1,035	0.8 %	1,012	-2.2 %	539	-46.7 %
Civil Appeals	1,339	1,306	-2.5 %	1,277	-2.2 %	1,275	-0.2 %	940	-26.3 %
Total Appeals	2,479	2,333	-5.9 %	2,312	-0.9 %	2,287	-1.1 %	1,479	-35.3 %
Personal Restraint Petition	1,110	1,106	-0.4 %	1,120	1.3 %	839	-25.1 %	851	1.4 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	480	433	-9.8 %	418	-3.5 %	484	15.8 %	457	-5.6 %
Total Filings, Court of Appeals	4,069	3,872	-4.8 %	3,850	-0.6 %	3,610	-6.2 %	2,787	-22.8 %

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	2016	2017	% Chg	2018	% Chg	2019	% Chg	2020	% Chg
DIVISION I									
Criminal Appeals	356	360	1.1 %	345	-4.2 %	335	-2.9 %	378	12.8 %
Civil Appeals	504	535	6.2 %	524	-2.1 %	598	14.1 %	548	-8.4 %
Total Appeals	860	895	4.1 %	869	-2.9 %	933	7.4 %	926	-0.8 %
Personal Restraint Petition	411	389	-5.4 %	396	1.8 %	350	-11.6 %	318	-9.1 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	155	163	5.2 %	202	23.9 %	172	-14.9 %	194	12.8 %
Total Resolutions, DIVISION I	1,426	1,447	1.5 %	1,467	1.4 %	1,455	-0.8 %	1,438	-1.2 %
DIVISION II									
Criminal Appeals	388	335	-13.7 %	318	-5.1 %	359	12.9 %	356	-0.8 %
Civil Appeals	384	333	-13.3 %	321	-3.6 %	372	15.9 %	347	-6.7 %
Total Appeals	772	668	-13.5 %	639	-4.3 %	731	14.4 %	703	-3.8 %
Personal Restraint Petition	345	421	22 %	457	8.6 %	369	-19.3 %	347	-6 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	149	144	-3.4 %	125	-13.2 %	193	54.4 %	148	-23.3 %
Total Resolutions, DIVISION II	1,266	1,233	-2.6 %	1,221	-1 %	1,293	5.9 %	1,198	-7.3 %
DIVISION III									
Criminal Appeals	282	241	-14.5 %	276	14.5 %	253	-8.3 %	238	-5.9 %
Civil Appeals	208	214	2.9 %	175	-18.2 %	205	17.1 %	195	-4.9 %
Total Appeals	490	455	-7.1 %	451	-0.9 %	458	1.6 %	433	-5.5 %
Personal Restraint Petition	139	205	47.5 %	158	-22.9 %	151	-4.4 %	176	16.6 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	63	58	-7.9 %	54	-6.9 %	66	22.2 %	70	6.1 %

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Total Resolutions, DIVISION III	692	718	3.8 %	663	-7.7 %	675	1.8 %	679	0.6 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Criminal Appeals	1,026	936	-8.8 %	939	0.3 %	947	0.9 %	972	2.6 %
Civil Appeals	1,096	1,082	-1.3 %	1,020	-5.7 %	1,175	15.2 %	1,090	-7.2 %
Total Appeals	2,122	2,018	-4.9 %	1,959	-2.9 %	2,122	8.3 %	2,062	-2.8 %
Personal Restraint Petition	895	1,015	13.4 %	1,011	-0.4 %	870	-13.9 %	841	-3.3 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	367	365	-0.5 %	381	4.4 %	431	13.1 %	412	-4.4 %
Total Resolutions, Court of Appeals	3,384	3,398	0.4 %	3,351	-1.4 %	3,423	2.1 %	3,315	-3.2 %

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DIVISION I									
Criminal Appeals	482	484	0.4 %	447	-7.6 %	475	6.3 %	322	-32.2 %
Civil Appeals	587	626	6.6 %	624	-0.3 %	602	-3.5 %	473	-21.4 %
Total Appeals	1,069	1,110	3.8 %	1,071	-3.5 %	1,077	0.6 %	795	-26.2 %
Personal Restraint Petition	246	232	-5.7 %	204	-12.1 %	145	-28.9 %	146	0.7 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	99	110	11.1 %	89	-19.1 %	128	43.8 %	144	12.5 %
Total Pending, DIVISION I	1,414	1,452	2.7 %	1,364	-6.1 %	1,350	-1 %	1,085	-19.6 %
DIVISION II									
Criminal Appeals	488	530	8.6 %	580	9.4 %	589	1.6 %	445	-24.4 %
Civil Appeals	325	390	20 %	422	8.2 %	391	-7.3 %	385	-1.5 %
Total Appeals	813	920	13.2 %	1,002	8.9 %	980	-2.2 %	830	-15.3 %
Personal Restraint Petition	262	302	15.3 %	328	8.6 %	313	-4.6 %	280	-10.5 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	73	85	16.4 %	92	8.2 %	65	-29.3 %	64	-1.5 %
Total Pending, DIVISION II	1,148	1,307	13.9 %	1,422	8.8 %	1,358	-4.5 %	1,174	-13.5 %
DIVISION III									
Criminal Appeals	395	384	-2.8 %	328	-14.6 %	304	-7.3 %	247	-18.8 %
Civil Appeals	335	330	-1.5 %	272	-17.6 %	326	19.9 %	287	-12 %
Total Appeals	730	714	-2.2 %	600	-16 %	630	5 %	534	-15.2 %
Personal Restraint Petition	213	124	-41.8 %	138	11.3 %	127	-8 %	134	5.5 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	51	35	-31.4 %	33	-5.7 %	41	24.2 %	37	-9.8 %

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Total Pending, DIVISION III	994	873	-12.2 %	771	-11.7 %	798	3.5 %	705	-11.7 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Criminal Appeals	1,365	1,398	2.4 %	1,355	-3.1 %	1,368	1 %	1,014	-25.9 %
Civil Appeals	1,247	1,346	7.9 %	1,318	-2.1 %	1,319	0.1 %	1,145	-13.2 %
Total Appeals	2,612	2,744	5.1 %	2,673	-2.6 %	2,687	0.5 %	2,159	-19.7 %
Personal Restraint Petition	721	658	-8.7 %	670	1.8 %	585	-12.7 %	560	-4.3 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	223	230	3.1 %	214	-7 %	234	9.3 %	245	4.7 %
Total Pending, Court of Appeals	3,556	3,632	2.1 %	3,557	-2.1 %	3,506	-1.4 %	2,964	-15.5 %

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	2016	2017	% Chg (9)	2018	% Chg (9)	2019	% Chg (9)	2020	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	4,069	3,872	-4.8 %	3,850	-0.6 %	3,610	-6.2 %	2,787	-22.8 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	289	240	-17 %	262	9.2 %	235	-10.3 %	221	-6 %
Opinions Unpublished	1,234	1,214	-1.6 %	1,171	-3.5 %	1,313	12.1 %	1,385	5.5 %
Opinions	1,523	1,454	-4.5 %	1,433	-1.4 %	1,548	8 %	1,606	3.7 %
Dismissed	628	769	22.5 %	704	-8.5 %	583	-17.2 %	534	-8.4 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	95	106	11.6 %	79	-25.5 %	102	29.1 %	137	34.3 %
Review Not Accepted	10	7	. %	8	. %	10	. %	2	. %
Other Terminations	100	74	-26 %	87	17.6 %	71	-18.4 %	80	12.7 %
Orders	833	956	14.8 %	878	-8.2 %	766	-12.8 %	753	-1.7 %
Decided on Merits	83	54	-34.9 %	62	14.8 %	75	21 %	59	-21.3 %
Dismissed	666	665	-0.2 %	711	6.9 %	756	6.3 %	633	-16.3 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	3	0	. %	2	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	236	238	0.8 %	230	-3.4 %	243	5.7 %	229	-5.8 %
Other Terminations	40	31	-22.5 %	35	12.9 %	33	-5.7 %	35	6.1 %
Rulings	1,028	988	-3.9 %	1,040	5.3 %	1,109	6.6 %	956	-13.8 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	1,861	1,944	4.5 %	1,918	-1.3 %	1,875	-2.2 %	1,709	-8.9 %
Total Resolved	3,384	3,398	0.4 %	3,351	-1.4 %	3,423	2.1 %	3,315	-3.2 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	334	214	-35.9 %	276	29 %	236	-14.5 %	208	-11.9 %
Brief Not Filed	1,899	1,884	-0.8 %	1,628	-13.6 %	1,618	-0.6 %	1,422	-12.1 %
Appellant Brief Filed	17	13	. %	22	. %	23	. %	12	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	535	806	50.7 %	819	1.6 %	901	10 %	744	-17.4 %
Remanded to Trial Court	8	6	. %	7	. %	2	. %	2	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	178	147	-17.4 %	178	21.1 %	220	23.6 %	126	-42.7 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	6	6	. %	9	. %	8	. %	8	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	340	318	-6.5 %	393	23.6 %	266	-32.3 %	287	7.9 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	3,317	3,394	2.3 %	3,332	-1.8 %	3,274	-1.7 %	2,809	-14.2 %
Opinion/Order in Process	239	238	-0.4 %	225	-5.5 %	232	3.1 %	155	-33.2 %
Total Pending Decision	3,556	3,632	2.1 %	3,557	-2.1 %	3,506	-1.4 %	2,964	-15.5 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	1,839	1,644	-10.6 %	1,643	-0.1 %	1,772	7.9 %	1,654	-6.7 %
Order Terminating Review	918	1,095	19.3 %	996	-9 %	843	-15.4 %	708	-16 %
Ruling Terminating Review	1,160	1,048	-9.7 %	1,154	10.1 %	1,192	3.3 %	1,005	-15.7 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	120	69	-42.5 %	63	-8.7 %	59	-6.3 %	43	-27.1 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	2,198	2,212	0.6 %	2,213	0 %	2,094	-5.4 %	1,756	-16.1 %
Total Mandated	4,037	3,856	-4.5 %	3,856	0 %	3,866	0.3 %	3,410	-11.8 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,680	1,580	-6 %	1,558	-1.4 %	1,531	-1.7 %	1,190	-22.3 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	117	104	-11.1 %	114	9.6 %	115	0.9 %	103	-10.4 %
Opinions Unpublished	548	563	2.7 %	527	-6.4 %	590	12 %	645	9.3 %
Opinions	665	667	0.3 %	641	-3.9 %	705	10 %	748	6.1 %
Dismissed	279	250	-10.4 %	238	-4.8 %	226	-5 %	193	-14.6 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	14	35	. %	45	28.6 %	8	. %	13	. %
Review Not Accepted	5	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	52	51	-1.9 %	43	-15.7 %	47	9.3 %	41	-12.8 %
Orders	350	337	-3.7 %	327	-3 %	282	-13.8 %	247	-12.4 %
Decided on Merits	12	13	. %	12	. %	15	. %	11	. %
Dismissed	278	310	11.5 %	362	16.8 %	344	-5 %	300	-12.8 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	112	115	2.7 %	108	-6.1 %	100	-7.4 %	123	23 %
Other Terminations	9	5	. %	15	. %	9	. %	9	. %
Rulings	411	443	7.8 %	499	12.6 %	468	-6.2 %	443	-5.3 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	761	780	2.5 %	826	5.9 %	750	-9.2 %	690	-8 %
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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	90	56	-37.8 %	68	21.4 %	35	-48.5 %	32	-8.6 %
Brief Not Filed	812	821	1.1 %	706	-14 %	751	6.4 %	560	-25.4 %
Appellant Brief Filed	1	7	. %	5	. %	5	. %	2	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	205	292	42.4 %	301	3.1 %	368	22.3 %	304	-17.4 %
Remanded to Trial Court	1	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	31	19	. %	26	. %	44	. %	53	20.5 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	5	5	. %	7	. %	8	. %	8	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	215	202	-6 %	213	5.4 %	105	-50.7 %	118	12.4 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,360	1,402	3.1 %	1,327	-5.3 %	1,316	-0.8 %	1,077	-18.2 %
Opinion/Order in Process	54	50	-7.4 %	37	-26 %	34	-8.1 %	8	. %
Total Pending Decision	1,414	1,452	2.7 %	1,364	-6.1 %	1,350	-1 %	1,085	-19.6 %
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Ruling Terminating Review	451	436	-3.3 %	554	27.1 %	487	-12.1 %	469	-3.7 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	71	25	. %	6	. %	1	. %	8	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	924	833	-9.8 %	908	9 %	741	-18.4 %	723	-2.4 %
Total Mandated	1,756	1,554	-11.5 %	1,644	5.8 %	1,468	-10.7 %	1,483	1 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,406	1,503	6.9 %	1,512	0.6 %	1,332	-11.9 %	1,001	-24.8 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	97	80	-17.5 %	78	-2.5 %	71	-9 %	68	-4.2 %
Opinions Unpublished	393	365	-7.1 %	365	0 %	402	10.1 %	437	8.7 %
Opinions	490	445	-9.2 %	443	-0.4 %	473	6.8 %	505	6.8 %
Dismissed	233	334	43.3 %	328	-1.8 %	224	-31.7 %	200	-10.7 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	76	68	-10.5 %	32	-52.9 %	88	175 %	116	31.8 %
Review Not Accepted	5	6	. %	7	. %	9	. %	2	. %
Other Terminations	44	19	. %	39	. %	24	. %	37	. %
Orders	358	427	19.3 %	406	-4.9 %	345	-15 %	355	2.9 %
Decided on Merits	56	24	. %	31	. %	57	83.9 %	44	-22.8 %
Dismissed	263	235	-10.6 %	249	6 %	304	22.1 %	212	-30.3 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	3	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	81	87	7.4 %	81	-6.9 %	97	19.8 %	65	-33 %
Other Terminations	15	15	. %	11	. %	15	. %	17	. %
Rulings	418	361	-13.6 %	372	3 %	475	27.7 %	338	-28.8 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	776	788	1.5 %	778	-1.3 %	820	5.4 %	693	-15.5 %
Total Resolved	1,266	1,233	-2.6 %	1,221	-1 %	1,293	5.9 %	1,198	-7.3 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	131	118	-9.9 %	149	26.3 %	150	0.7 %	142	-5.3 %
Brief Not Filed	583	671	15.1 %	613	-8.6 %	527	-14 %	507	-3.8 %
Appellant Brief Filed	4	0	. %	8	. %	7	. %	5	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	232	276	19 %	346	25.4 %	419	21.1 %	306	-27 %
Remanded to Trial Court	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	36	68	88.9 %	77	13.2 %	37	-51.9 %	20	. %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	60	61	1.7 %	119	95.1 %	110	-7.6 %	109	-0.9 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,047	1,195	14.1 %	1,312	9.8 %	1,250	-4.7 %	1,090	-12.8 %
Opinion/Order in Process	101	112	10.9 %	110	-1.8 %	108	-1.8 %	84	-22.2 %
Total Pending Decision	1,148	1,307	13.9 %	1,422	8.8 %	1,358	-4.5 %	1,174	-13.5 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	548	541	-1.3 %	487	-10 %	516	6 %	505	-2.1 %
Order Terminating Review	378	454	20.1 %	480	5.7 %	432	-10 %	310	-28.2 %
Ruling Terminating Review	483	399	-17.4 %	417	4.5 %	510	22.3 %	338	-33.7 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	4	18	. %	31	. %	31	0 %	14	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	865	871	0.7 %	928	6.5 %	973	4.8 %	662	-32 %
Total Mandated	1,413	1,412	-0.1 %	1,415	0.2 %	1,489	5.2 %	1,167	-21.6 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	983	789	-19.7 %	780	-1.1 %	747	-4.2 %	596	-20.2 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	75	56	-25.3 %	70	25 %	49	-30 %	50	2 %
Opinions Unpublished	293	286	-2.4 %	279	-2.4 %	321	15.1 %	303	-5.6 %
Opinions	368	342	-7.1 %	349	2 %	370	6 %	353	-4.6 %
Dismissed	116	185	59.5 %	138	-25.4 %	133	-3.6 %	141	6 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	5	3	. %	2	. %	6	. %	8	. %
Other Terminations	4	4	. %	5	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Orders	125	192	53.6 %	145	-24.5 %	139	-4.1 %	151	8.6 %
Decided on Merits	15	17	. %	19	. %	3	. %	4	. %
Dismissed	125	120	-4 %	100	-16.7 %	108	8 %	121	12 %
Review Not Accepted	43	36	-16.3 %	41	13.9 %	46	12.2 %	41	-10.9 %
Other Terminations	16	11	. %	9	. %	9	. %	9	. %
Rulings	199	184	-7.5 %	169	-8.2 %	166	-1.8 %	175	5.4 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	324	376	16 %	314	-16.5 %	305	-2.9 %	326	6.9 %
Total Resolved	692	718	3.8 %	663	-7.7 %	675	1.8 %	679	0.6 %
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	113	40	-64.6 %	59	47.5 %	51	-13.6 %	34	-33.3 %

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Brief Not Filed	504	392	-22.2 %	309	-21.2 %	340	10 %	355	4.4 %
Appellant Brief Filed	12	6	. %	9	. %	11	. %	5	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	98	238	142.9 %	172	-27.7 %	114	-33.7 %	134	17.5 %
Remanded to Trial Court	6	6	. %	6	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	111	60	-45.9 %	75	25 %	139	85.3 %	53	-61.9 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	1	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	65	55	-15.4 %	61	10.9 %	51	-16.4 %	60	17.6 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	910	797	-12.4 %	693	-13 %	708	2.2 %	642	-9.3 %
Opinion/Order in Process	84	76	-9.5 %	78	2.6 %	90	15.4 %	63	-30 %
Total Pending Decision	994	873	-12.2 %	771	-11.7 %	798	3.5 %	705	-11.7 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	459	382	-16.8 %	420	9.9 %	529	26 %	389	-26.5 %
Order Terminating Review	138	269	94.9 %	168	-37.5 %	158	-6 %	152	-3.8 %
Ruling Terminating Review	226	213	-5.8 %	183	-14.1 %	195	6.6 %	198	1.5 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	45	26	. %	26	. %	27	. %	21	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	409	508	24.2 %	377	-25.8 %	380	0.8 %	371	-2.4 %
Total Mandated	868	890	2.5 %	797	-10.4 %	909	14.1 %	760	-16.4 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,140	1,027	-9.9 %	1,035	0.8 %	1,012	-2.2 %	539	-46.7 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	104	74	-28.8 %	101	36.5 %	72	-28.7 %	78	8.3 %
Opinions Unpublished	693	659	-4.9 %	667	1.2 %	696	4.3 %	741	6.5 %
Opinions	797	733	-8 %	768	4.8 %	768	0 %	819	6.6 %
Dismissed	0	1	. %	2	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Transferred/Certified (2)	32	34	6.3 %	11	. %	32	. %	64	100 %
Review Not Accepted	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	5	3	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Orders	38	38	0 %	13	. %	33	. %	65	97 %
Decided on Merits	37	19	. %	21	. %	7	. %	7	. %
Dismissed	137	125	-8.8 %	122	-2.4 %	121	-0.8 %	73	-39.7 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	2	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	6	9	. %	8	. %	11	. %	3	. %
Other Terminations	9	12	. %	7	. %	6	. %	5	. %
Rulings	191	165	-13.6 %	158	-4.2 %	146	-7.6 %	88	-39.7 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	229	203	-11.4 %	171	-15.8 %	179	4.7 %	153	-14.5 %
Total Resolved	1,026	936	-8.8 %	939	0.3 %	947	0.9 %	972	2.6 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	19	14	. %	28	. %	14	. %	29	. %
Brief Not Filed	840	745	-11.3 %	688	-7.7 %	724	5.2 %	455	-37.2 %
Appellant Brief Filed	2	2	. %	5	. %	6	. %	2	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	222	343	54.5 %	329	-4.1 %	378	14.9 %	310	-18 %
Remanded to Trial Court	4	1	. %	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	23	19	. %	29	. %	15	. %	16	. %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	141	154	9.2 %	167	8.4 %	126	-24.6 %	133	5.6 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,251	1,278	2.2 %	1,249	-2.3 %	1,263	1.1 %	945	-25.2 %
Opinion/Order in Process	114	120	5.3 %	106	-11.7 %	105	-0.9 %	69	-34.3 %
Total Pending Decision	1,365	1,398	2.4 %	1,355	-3.1 %	1,368	1 %	1,014	-25.9 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	921	803	-12.8 %	830	3.4 %	829	-0.1 %	785	-5.3 %
Order Terminating Review	47	50	6.4 %	27	. %	33	. %	66	100 %
Ruling Terminating Review	229	163	-28.8 %	188	15.3 %	153	-18.6 %	102	-33.3 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	15	8	. %	12	. %	7	. %	10	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	291	221	-24.1 %	227	2.7 %	193	-15 %	178	-7.8 %
Total Mandated	1,212	1,024	-15.5 %	1,057	3.2 %	1,022	-3.3 %	963	-5.8 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,339	1,306	-2.5 %	1,277	-2.2 %	1,275	-0.2 %	940	-26.3 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	166	130	-21.7 %	128	-1.5 %	134	4.7 %	121	-9.7 %
Opinions Unpublished	466	495	6.2 %	431	-12.9 %	509	18.1 %	530	4.1 %
Opinions	632	625	-1.1 %	559	-10.6 %	643	15 %	651	1.2 %
Dismissed	3	2	. %	4	. %	4	. %	2	. %
Transferred/Certified (2)	34	25	. %	15	. %	45	. %	44	-2.2 %
Review Not Accepted	1	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	5	6	. %	1	. %	2	. %	4	. %
Orders	43	34	-20.9 %	20	. %	51	. %	50	-2 %
Decided on Merits	43	32	-25.6 %	35	9.4 %	43	22.9 %	32	-25.6 %
Dismissed	342	361	5.6 %	366	1.4 %	404	10.4 %	325	-19.6 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	16	20	. %	19	. %	16	. %	21	. %
Other Terminations	19	10	. %	21	. %	18	. %	11	. %
Rulings	421	423	0.5 %	441	4.3 %	481	9.1 %	389	-19.1 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	464	457	-1.5 %	461	0.9 %	532	15.4 %	439	-17.5 %
Total Resolved	1,096	1,082	-1.3 %	1,020	-5.7 %	1,175	15.2 %	1,090	-7.2 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	30	30	. %	44	. %	46	4.5 %	23	. %
Brief Not Filed	654	706	8 %	575	-18.6 %	558	-3 %	605	8.4 %
Appellant Brief Filed	5	2	. %	2	. %	3	. %	3	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	185	308	66.5 %	317	2.9 %	366	15.5 %	289	-21 %
Remanded to Trial Court	1	5	. %	4	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	97	64	-34 %	75	17.2 %	125	66.7 %	32	-74.4 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	172	146	-15.1 %	202	38.4 %	116	-42.6 %	128	10.3 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,144	1,261	10.2 %	1,219	-3.3 %	1,214	-0.4 %	1,081	-11 %
Opinion/Order in Process	103	85	-17.5 %	99	16.5 %	105	6.1 %	64	-39 %
Total Pending Decision	1,247	1,346	7.9 %	1,318	-2.1 %	1,319	0.1 %	1,145	-13.2 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	798	717	-10.2 %	673	-6.1 %	811	20.5 %	693	-14.5 %
Order Terminating Review	46	54	17.4 %	28	. %	53	. %	53	0 %
Ruling Terminating Review	504	431	-14.5 %	486	12.8 %	558	14.8 %	449	-19.5 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	55	26	. %	22	. %	20	. %	7	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	605	511	-15.5 %	536	4.9 %	631	17.7 %	509	-19.3 %
Total Mandated	1,403	1,228	-12.5 %	1,209	-1.5 %	1,442	19.3 %	1,202	-16.6 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	2,479	2,333	-5.9 %	2,312	-0.9 %	2,287	-1.1 %	1,479	-35.3 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	270	204	-24.4 %	229	12.3 %	206	-10 %	199	-3.4 %
Opinions Unpublished	1,159	1,154	-0.4 %	1,098	-4.9 %	1,205	9.7 %	1,271	5.5 %
Opinions	1,429	1,358	-5 %	1,327	-2.3 %	1,411	6.3 %	1,470	4.2 %
Dismissed	3	3	. %	6	. %	5	. %	2	. %
Transferred/Certified (2)	66	59	-10.6 %	26	. %	77	. %	108	40.3 %
Review Not Accepted	2	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	10	9	. %	1	. %	2	. %	5	. %
Orders	81	72	-11.1 %	33	-54.2 %	84	154.5 %	115	36.9 %
Decided on Merits	80	51	-36.3 %	56	9.8 %	50	-10.7 %	39	-22 %
Dismissed	479	486	1.5 %	488	0.4 %	525	7.6 %	398	-24.2 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	3	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	22	29	. %	27	. %	27	. %	24	. %
Other Terminations	28	22	. %	28	. %	24	. %	16	. %
Rulings	612	588	-3.9 %	599	1.9 %	627	4.7 %	477	-23.9 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	693	660	-4.8 %	632	-4.2 %	711	12.5 %	592	-16.7 %
Total Resolved	2,122	2,018	-4.9 %	1,959	-2.9 %	2,122	8.3 %	2,062	-2.8 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	49	44	-10.2 %	72	63.6 %	60	-16.7 %	52	-13.3 %
Brief Not Filed	1,494	1,451	-2.9 %	1,263	-13 %	1,282	1.5 %	1,060	-17.3 %
Appellant Brief Filed	7	4	. %	7	. %	9	. %	5	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	407	651	60 %	646	-0.8 %	744	15.2 %	599	-19.5 %
Remanded to Trial Court	5	6	. %	6	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	120	83	-30.8 %	104	25.3 %	140	34.6 %	48	-65.7 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	313	300	-4.2 %	369	23 %	242	-34.4 %	261	7.9 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	2,395	2,539	6 %	2,468	-2.8 %	2,477	0.4 %	2,026	-18.2 %
Opinion/Order in Process	217	205	-5.5 %	205	0 %	210	2.4 %	133	-36.7 %
Total Pending Decision	2,612	2,744	5.1 %	2,673	-2.6 %	2,687	0.5 %	2,159	-19.7 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	1,719	1,520	-11.6 %	1,503	-1.1 %	1,640	9.1 %	1,478	-9.9 %
Order Terminating Review	93	104	11.8 %	55	-47.1 %	86	56.4 %	119	38.4 %
Ruling Terminating Review	733	594	-19 %	674	13.5 %	711	5.5 %	551	-22.5 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	70	34	-51.4 %	34	0 %	27	. %	17	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	896	732	-18.3 %	763	4.2 %	824	8 %	687	-16.6 %
Total Mandated	2,615	2,252	-13.9 %	2,266	0.6 %	2,464	8.7 %	2,165	-12.1 %

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	2016	2017	% Chg (9)	2018	% Chg (9)	2019	% Chg (9)	2020	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,110	1,106	-0.4 %	1,120	1.3 %	839	-25.1 %	851	1.4 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	4	11	. %	10	. %	5	. %	9	. %
Opinions Unpublished	45	37	-17.8 %	45	21.6 %	79	75.6 %	86	8.9 %
Opinions	49	48	-2 %	55	14.6 %	84	52.7 %	95	13.1 %
Dismissed	625	766	22.6 %	695	-9.3 %	578	-16.8 %	531	-8.1 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	29	45	. %	53	17.8 %	22	. %	23	. %
Review Not Accepted	8	5	. %	7	. %	8	. %	2	. %
Other Terminations	90	65	-27.8 %	85	30.8 %	69	-18.8 %	73	5.8 %
Orders	752	881	17.2 %	840	-4.7 %	677	-19.4 %	629	-7.1 %
Decided on Merits	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Dismissed	92	85	-7.6 %	112	31.8 %	104	-7.1 %	110	5.8 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	2	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	0	1	. %	2	. %	2	. %	5	. %
Rulings	94	86	-8.5 %	116	34.9 %	109	-6 %	117	7.3 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	846	967	14.3 %	956	-1.1 %	786	-17.8 %	746	-5.1 %
Total Resolved	895	1,015	13.4 %	1,011	-0.4 %	870	-13.9 %	841	-3.3 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	263	154	-41.4 %	188	22.1 %	164	-12.8 %	146	-11 %
Brief Not Filed	287	326	13.6 %	282	-13.5 %	235	-16.7 %	260	10.6 %
Appellant Brief Filed	10	9	. %	15	. %	14	. %	7	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	122	135	10.7 %	144	6.7 %	134	-6.9 %	112	-16.4 %
Remanded to Trial Court	3	0	. %	1	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	2	2	. %	4	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	6	6	. %	8	. %	8	. %	8	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	15	7	. %	15	. %	12	. %	9	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	708	639	-9.7 %	657	2.8 %	571	-13.1 %	544	-4.7 %
Opinion/Order in Process	13	19	. %	13	. %	14	. %	16	. %
Total Pending Decision	721	658	-8.7 %	670	1.8 %	585	-12.7 %	560	-4.3 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	64	75	17.2 %	79	5.3 %	75	-5.1 %	108	44 %
Order Terminating Review	824	986	19.7 %	935	-5.2 %	749	-19.9 %	574	-23.4 %
Ruling Terminating Review	91	95	4.4 %	121	27.4 %	111	-8.3 %	104	-6.3 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	21	15	. %	17	. %	18	. %	14	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	936	1,096	17.1 %	1,073	-2.1 %	878	-18.2 %	692	-21.2 %
Total Mandated	1,000	1,171	17.1 %	1,152	-1.6 %	953	-17.3 %	800	-16.1 %

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	2016	2017	% Chg (9)	2018	% Chg (9)	2019	% Chg (9)	2020	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	480	433	-9.8 %	418	-3.5 %	484	15.8 %	457	-5.6 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	15	25	. %	23	. %	24	. %	13	. %
Opinions Unpublished	30	23	. %	28	. %	29	. %	28	. %
Opinions	45	48	6.7 %	51	6.3 %	53	3.9 %	41	-22.6 %
Dismissed	0	0	. %	3	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	2	. %	0	. %	3	. %	6	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	1	. %	1	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Orders		3	. %	5	. %	5	. %	9	. %
Decided on Merits	3	3	. %	5	. %	25	. %	19	. %
Dismissed	95	94	-1.1 %	111	18.1 %	127	14.4 %	125	-1.6 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	212	209	-1.4 %	203	-2.9 %	214	5.4 %	204	-4.7 %
Other Terminations	12	8	. %	5	. %	7	. %	14	. %
Rulings	322	314	-2.5 %	325	3.5 %	373	14.8 %	362	-2.9 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	322	317	-1.6 %	330	4.1 %	378	14.5 %	371	-1.9 %
Total Resolved	367	365	-0.5 %	381	4.4 %	431	13.1 %	412	-4.4 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	22	16	. %	16	. %	12	. %	10	. %
Brief Not Filed	118	107	-9.3 %	83	-22.4 %	101	21.7 %	102	1 %
Respondent Brief Filed	6	20	. %	29	. %	23	. %	33	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	56	62	10.7 %	70	12.9 %	78	11.4 %	77	-1.3 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	12	11	. %	9	. %	12	. %	17	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	214	216	0.9 %	207	-4.2 %	226	9.2 %	239	5.8 %
Opinion/Order in Process	9	14	. %	7	. %	8	. %	6	. %
Total Pending Decision	223	230	3.1 %	214	-7 %	234	9.3 %	245	4.7 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	56	49	-12.5 %	61	24.5 %	57	-6.6 %	68	19.3 %
Order Terminating Review	1	5	. %	6	. %	8	. %	15	. %
Ruling Terminating Review	336	359	6.8 %	359	0 %	370	3.1 %	350	-5.4 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	29	20	. %	12	. %	14	. %	12	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	366	384	4.9 %	377	-1.8 %	392	4 %	377	-3.8 %
Total Mandated	422	433	2.6 %	438	1.2 %	449	2.5 %	445	-0.9 %

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	2016	2017	% Chg	2018	% Chg	2019	% Chg	2020	% Chg
Filing - Comp. of Record	171	161	-5.8 %	148	-8.1 %	148	0 %	153	3.4 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	71	66	-7 %	62	-6.1 %	63	1.6 %	63	0 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	95	90	-5.3 %	87	-3.3 %	88	1.1 %	92	4.5 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	112	119	6.3 %	121	1.7 %	126	4.1 %	137	8.7 %
App. Brief - Ready	111	116	4.5 %	116	0 %	118	1.7 %	129	9.3 %
Ready - Opinion	210	230	9.5 %	278	20.9 %	281	1.1 %	244	-13.2 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION I (2)	546	594	8.8 %	608	2.4 %	627	3.1 %	612	-2.4 %
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	141	147	4.3 %	148	0.7 %	149	0.7 %	153	2.7 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	63	66	4.8 %	66	0 %	67	1.5 %	68	1.5 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	77	78	1.3 %	81	3.8 %	86	6.2 %	90	4.7 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	128	124	-3.1 %	128	3.2 %	130	1.6 %	132	1.5 %
App. Brief - Ready	97	107	10.3 %	108	0.9 %	103	-4.6 %	97	-5.8 %
Ready - Opinion	305	267	-12.5 %	314	17.6 %	355	13.1 %	375	5.6 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION II (2)	613	593	-3.3 %	631	6.4 %	684	8.4 %	677	-1 %
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	189	184	-2.6 %	164	-10.9 %	151	-7.9 %	156	3.3 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	64	62	-3.1 %	60	-3.2 %	57	-5 %	63	10.5 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	118	112	-5.1 %	106	-5.4 %	95	-10.4 %	97	2.1 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	120	122	1.7 %	112	-8.2 %	111	-0.9 %	117	5.4 %

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	2016	2017	% Chg	2018	% Chg	2019	% Chg	2020	% Chg
App. Brief - Ready	106	112	5.7 %	107	-4.5 %	93	-13.1 %	101	8.6 %
Ready - Opinion	252	243	-3.6 %	259	6.6 %	283	9.3 %	266	-6 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION III (2)	623	664	6.6 %	645	-2.9 %	622	-3.6 %	613	-1.4 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	166	161	-3 %	152	-5.6 %	149	-2 %	154	3.4 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	67	65	-3 %	63	-3.1 %	63	0 %	65	3.2 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	97	94	-3.1 %	89	-5.3 %	90	1.1 %	92	2.2 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	118	120	1.7 %	121	0.8 %	125	3.3 %	130	4 %
App. Brief - Ready	105	113	7.6 %	112	-0.9 %	107	-4.5 %	116	8.4 %
Ready - Opinion	257	249	-3.1 %	281	12.9 %	312	11 %	320	2.6 %
Filing - Opinion, COURT OF APPEALS,	599	620	3.5 %	624	0.6 %	648	3.8 %	642	-0.9 %

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Filing - Comp. of Record	115	115	0 %	109	-5.2 %	105	-3.7 %	111	5.7 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	52	49	-5.8 %	46	-6.1 %	45	-2.2 %	50	11.1 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	72	69	-4.2 %	64	-7.2 %	63	-1.6 %	64	1.6 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	91	96	5.5 %	101	5.2 %	98	-3 %	101	3.1 %
App. Brief - Ready	81	78	-3.7 %	78	0 %	85	9 %	90	5.9 %
Ready - Opinion	234	277	18.4 %	320	15.5 %	322	0.6 %	301	-6.5 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION I (2)	502	528	5.2 %	571	8.1 %	570	-0.2 %	564	-1.1 %
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	104	110	5.8 %	115	4.5 %	114	-0.9 %	116	1.8 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	50	55	10 %	58	5.5 %	62	6.9 %	56	-9.7 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	63	64	1.6 %	63	-1.6 %	62	-1.6 %	63	1.6 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	127	125	-1.6 %	120	-4 %	110	-8.3 %	108	-1.8 %
App. Brief - Ready	73	70	-4.1 %	73	4.3 %	74	1.4 %	65	-12.2 %
Ready - Opinion	336	296	-11.9 %	337	13.9 %	397	17.8 %	412	3.8 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION II (2)	562	549	-2.3 %	601	9.5 %	672	11.8 %	643	-4.3 %
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	155	167	7.7 %	166	-0.6 %	126	-24.1 %	133	5.6 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	57	54	-5.3 %	54	0 %	52	-3.7 %	55	5.8 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	94	91	-3.2 %	87	-4.4 %	89	2.3 %	88	-1.1 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	109	113	3.7 %	97	-14.2 %	92	-5.2 %	108	17.4 %

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App. Brief - Ready	83	96	15.7 %	81	-15.6 %	90	11.1 %	96	6.7 %
Ready - Opinion (3)	279	243	-12.9 %	388	59.7 %	304	-21.6 %	295	-3 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	531	519	-2.3 %	1,116	115 %	574	-48.6 %	576	0.3 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	122	123	0.8 %	119	-3.3 %	112	-5.9 %	117	4.5 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	52	52	0 %	50	-3.8 %	50	0 %	53	6 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	72	70	-2.8 %	67	-4.3 %	65	-3 %	67	3.1 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	104	108	3.8 %	105	-2.8 %	102	-2.9 %	106	3.9 %
App. Brief - Ready	78	79	1.3 %	77	-2.5 %	82	6.5 %	85	3.7 %
Ready - Opinion (3)	275	277	0.7 %	334	20.6 %	342	2.4 %	345	0.9 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	531	530	-0.2 %	650	22.6 %	605	-6.9 %	593	-2 %

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Filing - Comp. of Record	146	140	-4.1 %	131	-6.4 %	130	-0.8 %	132	1.5 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	64	62	-3.1 %	57	-8.1 %	56	-1.8 %	58	3.6 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	84	81	-3.6 %	78	-3.7 %	78	0 %	82	5.1 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	101	109	7.9 %	109	0 %	113	3.7 %	121	7.1 %
App. Brief - Ready	100	102	2 %	101	-1 %	102	1 %	119	16.7 %
Ready - Opinion	224	252	12.5 %	297	17.9 %	305	2.7 %	279	-8.5 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION I (2)	530	557	5.1 %	589	5.7 %	600	1.9 %	593	-1.2 %
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	132	138	4.5 %	139	0.7 %	142	2.2 %	141	-0.7 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	60	63	5 %	64	1.6 %	66	3.1 %	64	-3 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	73	73	0 %	75	2.7 %	78	4 %	80	2.6 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	127	125	-1.6 %	126	0.8 %	126	0 %	122	-3.2 %
App. Brief - Ready	91	95	4.4 %	95	0 %	94	-1.1 %	90	-4.3 %
Ready - Opinion	315	285	-9.5 %	322	13 %	376	16.8 %	386	2.7 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION II (2)	600	566	-5.7 %	616	8.8 %	679	10.2 %	666	-1.9 %
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	181	181	0 %	165	-8.8 %	147	-10.9 %	150	2 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	63	60	-4.8 %	59	-1.7 %	56	-5.1 %	60	7.1 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	110	105	-4.5 %	98	-6.7 %	93	-5.1 %	94	1.1 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	116	119	2.6 %	107	-10.1 %	106	-0.9 %	112	5.7 %

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Ready - Opinion (3)	260	243	-6.5 %	301	23.9 %	288	-4.3 %	274	-4.9 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	589	615	4.4 %	1,115	81.3 %	609	-45.4 %	604	-0.8 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	148	147	-0.7 %	142	-3.4 %	138	-2.8 %	140	1.4 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	63	62	-1.6 %	60	-3.2 %	60	0 %	61	1.7 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	88	85	-3.4 %	83	-2.4 %	83	0 %	85	2.4 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	112	116	3.6 %	115	-0.9 %	115	0 %	120	4.3 %
App. Brief - Ready	96	102	6.3 %	98	-3.9 %	96	-2 %	104	8.3 %
Ready - Opinion (3)	265	262	-1.1 %	307	17.2 %	323	5.2 %	330	2.2 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	566	578	2.1 %	633	9.5 %	629	-0.6 %	622	-1.1 %

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